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Claims 6 and 13-15 have been canceled herein. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 7-12 are pending.

Claims 1-4 have been allowed.

Claim 6, and claim 7 depending therefrom, have been objected to. The subject matter of claim 6 has been incorporated in claim 5, and claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 5. Accordingly, claim 5 and claims 7 (as well as claims 8 and 10-12 depending therefrom) are believed to be in agreed allowable form.

Claim 9 was also objected to. Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations of base claims 5 and 8, and accordingly claim 9 is believed to be in agreed allowable form.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-5 and 7-12 are in a form which the Office Action has agreed would be allowable, and accordingly all are submitted to be allowable as amended herein. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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